NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** SWITZERLAND**If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Federal Office for AgricultureQuality and Sales Promotion Unitbio@blw.admin.ch**Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** State Secretariate for Economic Affairs SECOHolzikofenweg 36, 3003 BernSwitzerlandEmail: tbt@seco.admin.ch |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Organic products  |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Amendment of the Ordinance on Organic Farming of 22 September 1997 (RS 910.18) and Draft Amendment of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER) Ordinance on Organic Farming of 22 September 1997 (910.181); (15 page(s), in German, French and Italian) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The amendment proposal for the Ordinance on Organic Farming of 22 September 1997 (RS 910.18) includes the following elements: a) extension fo the scope to pet foodb) clearer provisions on the prohibition of hydroponics, incorporation of the principle of soil-bound cultivation and specification of exceptions (e.g. sprout cultivation, cultivation in pots)d) ban of the use of nanomaterialse) revision of the procedure for the authorisation of non-organic ingredients of agricultural originf) minimum requirements for organic certificatesThe amendment proposal for the EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming (RS 910.181) includes the following elements:a) use and labelling of flavourings and essential oilsb) restriction of the use of ion exchange and adsorption resin processes (after 2 years transitional period)c) use of conventional yeast extract or autolysate in the production of organic yeast only permitted until 31.12.2023.d) Updating of various references |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements; Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Ordinance on Organic Farming of 22 September 1997 (RS 910.18) in force: German: [SR 910.18 - Verordnung vom 22. September 1997 über die biologische Landwirtschaft und die Kennzeichnung biologisch produzierter Erzeugnisse und Lebensmittel (Bio-Verordnung) (admin.ch)](https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/1997/2498_2498_2498/de)French: [RS 910.18 - Ordonnance du 22 septembre 1997 sur l'agriculture biologique et la désignation des produits et des denrées alimentaires biologiques (Ordonnance sur l'agriculture biologique) (admin.ch)](https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/1997/2498_2498_2498/fr)Italian: [RS 910.18 - Ordinanza del 22 settembre 1997 sull'agricoltura biologica e la designazione dei prodotti e delle derrate alimentari ottenuti biologicamente (Ordinanza sull'agricoltura biologica) (admin.ch)](https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/1997/2498_2498_2498/it)English: [SR 910.18 - Ordinance of 22 September 1997 on Organic Farming and the Labelling of Organically Produced Products and Foodstuffs (Organic Farming Ordinance) (admin.ch)](https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/1997/2498_2498_2498/en)The Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER) Ordinance on Organic Farming of 22 September 1997 (910.181) in force:German: [SR 910.181 - Verordnung des WBF vom 22. September 1997 über die biologische Landwirtschaft (admin.ch)](https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/1997/2519_2519_2519/de)French: [RS 910.181 - Ordonnance du DEFR du 22 septembre 1997 sur l'agriculture biologique (admin.ch)](https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/1997/2519_2519_2519/fr)Italian: [RS 910.181 - Ordinanza del DEFR del 22 settembre 1997 sull'agricoltura biologica (admin.ch)](https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/1997/2519_2519_2519/it)English: [SR 910.181 - EAER Ordinance of 22 September 1997 on Organic Farming (admin.ch)](https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/1997/2519_2519_2519/en) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 2 November 2022**Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 January 2023 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** Swiss Information Center for Technical Rules (switec)Sulzerallee 708404 WinterthurTel: +(41) 52 224 54 55Fax: +(41) 52 224 54 75Email: switec@snv.ch<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/CHE/22_4340_00_x1.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/CHE/22_4340_00_f.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/CHE/22_4340_00_x2.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/CHE/22_4340_01_x1.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/CHE/22_4340_01_f.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/CHE/22_4340_01_x2.pdf> |